Speedy rural development programme

3682. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the provisional for speedy rural development, there has been slow implementation of the rural development programmes particularly rural electrification scheme and rural drinking water supply;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to speed up the implementation of these schemes particularly in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Lack of awareness of Rural Development Programme among the rural population

3683. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government spends Rs. 30,000 crores on rural development every year under various heads, but unfortunately not much change is reflected;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are many programmes for rural development but due to lack of awareness among the rural population about the programmes, most of the programmes are not being implemented effectively; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTIRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development has the total revised Budget allocation (Plan) under various Schemes of Rs. 18216.40 crore during the year 2004-05.

(b) and (c) Realising the importance of communication, in mobilizing participatory development, concerted efforts are being made by the Ministry to disseminate information and message of Rural Development

Programmes through most of the available modes of communication. The Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities undertaken by the Ministry aims at creating awareness amongst the target group of programmes, sensiting the opinion makers, urban elite about issues relating to rural development and creating awareness amongst the general public.

The Ministry of Rural Development has developed a comprehensive system of Monitoring the implementation of the programmes including utilisation of funds through various Mechanism such as Monitoring through periodical progress reports from the State Governments, Performance Review Committee (PRC), Area Officer Schemes and Inspection by State/ District officials, Concurrent and Quick Evaluation of Programmes, Vigilance
and Monitoring Committees with greater role for the Members of Parliament at the State and District level, to make them vital instrument of Monitoring of the Programmes of the Ministry so that the benefits of the Rural Development Schemes may reach the target persons.

Allocation of Rural Water Supply Programme

† 3684. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government are considering to abolish target/ allotment based rural water suppy programme from 2005-06; and

(b) if so, the arrangement being made in the villages where drinking water system is inadequate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Satat Swarojgar Yojana in MP

† 3685. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sought in the proposal sent by the Madhya Pradesh Government under the Satat Swarojgar Yojana' for improvement of bamboo forests;

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